

areas, and are not designed to carry heavy volumes of traffic. Through traffic, especially in residential areas, is deliberately discouraged. These streets are also defined as Local Streets in the municipal street system. Examples of local streets in Biscoe are Maple Street, Shamburger Street and Factory Street.

Several of the traffic circulation problems pointed out in Part I of this report are quite obvious to Biscoe area residents. Recent actions by the State Highway Commission promise relief from some of the worst problems. State Highway Commissioner J. F. Allen of Biscoe recently informed town officials that survey and planning funds have been approved for realignment of U. S. 220. The new facility will probably be a limited access bypass around Star, Biscoe and Candor. This bypass, when constructed, will remove fast, heavy through traffic from the center of Biscoe. Mr. Allen also reported that survey and planning funds have been approved for constructing curbs and gutters along portions of U. S. 220 and N. C. 24-27 within the town limits. Turning lanes are also to be provided at the intersection of these two highways in Biscoe. These proposed projects will greatly improve traffic safety and mobility in the Biscoe area.

The proposed Sketch Thoroughfare Plan, also shown on the Land Development Plan, incorporates the above projects and provides for additional improvements to the traffic circulation pattern in Biscoe. Another aim of the plan is to permit better access to both existing urban development and to areas of future development.

Perhaps the most pressing priorities in the implementation of the Sketch Thoroughfare Plan are improvements to the collector street system. Many of these streets are dead-end streets and are too narrow to adequately perform their function. The following improvements to the collector system are proposed:

1. Implement improvements to Oak Street as proposed in the plans for the Central Commercial Area and the adjoining General Business Area.